

**Arden Civic Committee**  
**Agenda**  
**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**  
**7:30 p.m. BWVC**

Call to Order

Approval of September 29, 2021 Minutes

Categories

- Administrative
- Roads / Paths

No updates on paving.

Carol says before they pave any of the town roads, they are going to compare it to what is in the Storm Water Management Plan. Civic agreed that any decisions they make that effect any type of drainage or storm water preservation hindrance, they will consult the plan to make sure they are not going at odds with what they are recommending.

- Trash Tech Transition

Steven and Jeff were the main persons facilitating the transition of totters from WM to TT. Steven reports that there were minor transitioning issues. For example, Lovers Lane missed yard collection on part of that street. Fire Lane was missed completely because they were not aware that access is off of Marsh Rd. not from within the Ardens. There were a couple of broken totters and some residents did not receive any totters. Right now, they are back logged. There have been some service issues where the residents have called directly to Trash Tech and were not able to get through right away. They have been responding to all the issues Steven has called in about. He still needs to touch base on what is acceptable for yard waste containers. Why was some yard waste not collected? All the issues seem to be taken care of little by little. Steven is pleased with the overall transition.

He wants to know what is their role from now on? As of now he thinks Civic should move out of the micromanagement and everyone who has any issue to contact Trash Tech. But if there are patterns that are reported to Civic, then Civic should step in and

address it. If there is a pattern of entire streets missed or not being able to get through to Trash Tech, then Civic needs to step in. Steven will contact Cecilia to update flyer “Trash and Recycling Collections in the Arden” to include a note that bulk pick up needs to be called in rather than just setting it out on curbside.

- Projects / Grants
- Permits / Reservations

Reservation form is working. It can be filled out and all information is submitted including the template of questions along with the responses.

- Maintenance Projects
- Tree Work

The Walnut tree on Woodland Rd is on the right of way. It’s a living tree and it is not a priority according to Carol and Ron. Ed agrees that it’s not unhealthy, but he also says it is a nuisance because walnuts dropping can break windshields. Carol suggests for \$150 to remove two branches. Ed points out cutting the branches is not going to reduce the number of walnuts that will drop. They agree its not dangerous. Another reason to cut it down now is it is cheaper to do it when it is smaller. Ed says remove tree and Carol says cut off some branches. They decided to wait till spring and see what money is available after snow plowing season, weigh it against new pathways vs. tree removal vs paving.

- Greens

Carol has a Magnolia tree that was free from the Arbor Day Foundation that she is going to planting in the spring.

Carol and Ed decided to plant Hackberry Trees to replace a few trees lost over the last few years.

- Seasonal Contracts

Snow removal contract.

This year’s contract is the same rate with 2” or 3” snow removal markers. Concern is when there is slush and the next day it is freezing; that would require plowing. If there was a 2” dusting and 40 degrees the next day, then let Mother nature do her thing. The Civic Committee believe they have implemented a better system that is not just based on snow amount defined in the contract, but it is oriented towards the specific situation in which Rick is making the call. The contract has a line that reads “salting

will be at the same amount of \$300 per hopper and \$40 per bag”. The \$40 per bag assumes rock salt. Rock salt was not used last year. Instead, they used a Calcium Magnesium Chloride product because they were responding to residents wanting a more environmentally and animal friendly product. He had it on hand and he did not charge the mark up. Rick asked for ranges and suggested products going forward. Burslem is recommending a product called Ice Cutter which has Magnesium Chloride in it but it is not predominate in the mix. So, it is more environmentally friendly than rock salt and not as expensive as Calcium Magnesium Chloride. The Calcium Magnesium Chloride is \$50 per bag, Ice Cutter is \$46 and Rock Salt is \$40 per bag. Looking at a premium of Magnesium Chloride of \$10. Rick had no problem last year with response and communications. The contract terms is for \$600 retainer and \$200 for equipment prep fee. The \$600 retainer would be applied to the first event. Rick will discuss with him in the event there is no snow, in which case a refund of \$600 would be reasonable contract terms. If they agree to refund, then the contract will be modified detailing refundable terms and presented to the Village Chair, Jeffrey Politis. There was a problem of draining outside of Heidi’s leasehold. Something to do with the way they were plowing it or dumping snow at the end of Meadow Lane. Rick will contact Heidi to ask her what can be put into the contract that will assure all they are aware of the drainage problem and Burslem will be addressing it. Motion: Move to accept snow removal contract including amended terms negotiated by Rick for \$600 refund and Heidi’s drainage. Motion Approved.

- Miscellaneous

#### Other Old Business

#### Trash Can Enclosures

No updates from Harold on the trash cans enclosures.

#### Field Theater

What is Civics’ responsibility as far as outside groups using the theater. It can get messy with leaves, grass, and benches get dirty. Sometimes it is not trimmed before an event in which Steven and Ed put in a few hours in preparing it. They both expressed that they do not mind going down and cleaning it up. Do we have volunteers to do this, or do we pay someone for maintenance? The use fee is \$100 which does not go that far. Suggested if there is advance notice, then use the Village landscaper Shawn to maintain it. This would be part of his regular schedule, but he would know that on a specific occasion there would be additional maintenance. He does not have to do it every time he mows. Only when Civic lets him know there is an event at Field Theater

that needs sprucing up. Ed has been tasked with looking over the theater to see what needs to be done (i.e., fence repair in a few years, benches stain etc.). Carol spoke to Ron about the weed area between the Field Theater and Mary Marconi's leasehold.

#### Aeration

The Sherwood Green was aerated. Not supposed to aerate at the mats. Steven and Ed were concerned with the tire ruts over by the Fels Oak and the playground area. Ed said when it was aerated about fifteen years ago there were no ruts or tracks left after they aerated. It just had plugs. It looks messy. The storm water plan suggest aeration more often at least twice a year spring and fall.

After the conduit pipe was installed, a huge rectangle was cut out and grass seed was planted over it. The conduit was extended another 15 feet without getting permission from Civic. They cut the mat and peeled it back. The problem is they cut through the mat which is not supposed to be cut because the mat will now give under the weight of a truck. Carol will call Pat Toman, Chair of the Arden Club, to express concern that the original conduit did not settle and now leaves a visible hump. And the fact that someone did this extra work without consulting the Civic Committee was a concern.

#### Parking

There is an issue when the grounds are wet and soggy. The mesh should take care of that, provided they park on the mesh. As Carol points out, they are working on a calendar that would list all the events that would overlap, so it can be coordinated with the Arden Club, BWVC and Swim Guild. Etc., and know what the maximum parking is.

Club path. Carol is planning on applying for a grant for permeable surface replacement.

#### New Business

#### Adjourn

Respectfully submitted

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